

THE THIRD DEGREE

When Mr. Klein Wrote "The Lion and The Mouse," It Was Said He Had Reached the 87th Degree of Success, But The Third Degree Carried Him Farther Up the Ladder of Fame and It Is Conceded that He Has Reached, at Last, the North Pole of Dramatics

(Continued.)

The next scene is at Mr. Brewster's.

The same evening, in Mr. Brewster's home, he and Dr. Bernstein are holding a conference. Into which Mr. Jeffries has been drawn rather reluctantly. Annie has promised the lawyer she would produce Underwood's mysterious visit or before the evening is over. Captain Clinton has been sent for and punctually appears, bringing Maloney with him. Maloney slumps down in a corner, and Clinton, with a satisfied air, takes a seat at the library table. "Now, Mr. Brewster, explode your bomb," he says, "but I've made up my mind, so we start even." Brewster answers. Clinton admits that Brewster is a great constitutional lawyer, but he thinks criminal law is not in his line.

Brewster—Well, I don't think it constitutional to take a man's mind away from him and substitute your own, Captain Clinton.

Captain Clinton—What do you mean?

Brewster—I mean that instead of bringing out of this man his own true thoughts of innocence—you have forced into his consciousness your own false thoughts of his guilt.

Brewster submits his views of the case, points out to Clinton the means he has taken of poisoning the public mind against young Jeffries through the publicity the affair has been given in the press and shows how Annie has been placed under the ban of suspicion. "Well," observes the Captain, "it's up to you to prove I'm wrong." This the lawyer proceeds to do. He takes a bundle of papers from the table, and going through the case files where false confessions have been obtained from parties under arrest who have been submitted to the third degree. As this evidence is produced, Clinton cringes a little and admits that mistakes will sometimes happen, and when Brewster asks him if he showed young Jeffries a pistol while trying to gain his confession he hesitates a moment.

Captain Clinton—Yes, I think I did—didn't I Maloney?

Brewster—Your word is sufficient, Captain, did you hold it up?

Captain Clinton—Yes, I think I did.

Brewster then goes on to show how after seven hours' cross-questioning, young Jeffries' mind was in so dazed a condition that when the shining barrel of the revolver was shown him everything extracted from him were not his own, but the ideas that were instilled into his brain from the mind of Captain Clinton. Dr. Bernstein's visual captivation of Howard Jeffries' attention makes the whole case complete and clear to the physician. "Visual captivation is good!" laughs Clinton. "What do you think of it, Maloney?" he asks, turning to his worthy constituent. Maloney thinks it fine, but it isn't so funny when Brewster informs the Captain that the crime of hypnotic suggestion is a greater one against society than any the State punishes or pays him to prevent.

Clinton has heard quite enough; he didn't come there to hear those things. Where is the woman they were going to produce? Annie, who has been waiting below, is sent for. Clinton and Maloney hold a private conversation and the latter is told to wait outside. Dr. Bernstein takes his leave and Mr. Jeffries, Sr., who has been watching the proceedings very quietly, arises to thank Brewster. By this time Annie has entered. She is alone, and when questioned as to the woman she was to produce she hesitates, while Clinton gives a hint of satisfaction. Annie asks Mr. Brewster if she may see him alone, but both he and Jeffries bid her to tell them who the woman is. She declines, saying she will be there herself and can tell them. Clinton observes if she appears on the scene she will be arrested before she leaves the house, as she is wanted as a witness, but he doesn't think they need worry about her showing up. "I told you it would be a flash in the pan!" Jeffries remarks, and even Brewster begins to doubt. "Are you sure?" he asks, and she is sure. Captain Clinton, seeing there is nothing exciting developing, leaves saying he will wait downstairs. Jeffries observes that her story is probably a fabrication trumped up for the purpose and reminds Brewster that he warned him what to expect from people of her class. Then complaining of a frightful headache, he takes his departure.

Brewster—(Turning to Annie)—Do you want me to lose all faith in you?

Annie—No, Mr. Brewster.

Brewster—Then, tell me why you conceal this woman's name?

She doesn't want to expose her. Annie pleads, and then her suspense is ended by the announcement of Mrs. Jeffries. Sr. Annie asks if she may see Brewster a few moments, and Brewster, admitting that he doesn't understand, but believes her again, goes into the next room. When Mrs. Jeffries enters it is plain to be seen that she is laboring in the throes of despair. She has been to say good-bye to her mother, and is almost beside herself thinking of the disgrace and grief it will bring her husband when he learns of her part in the

horrible affair and reads of "a guide" the last letter to the woman he loved. When Mrs. Jeffries hears that she will probably be arrested, she gives way to a paroxysm of grief. Annie tries to comfort her as best she can. Mrs. Jeffries hands her letter from Underwood, which reads:

Dear Mrs. Jeffries:—This is the last time I shall ever burden you with my presence or bore you with my letters. You have forbidden me to see you again, you have sentenced me to a living death, but as I prefer death shall not be partial—but full and complete oblivion. I take this means of letting you know that unless you revoke your cruel sentence I will make an end of it all. I shall be found dead tomorrow morning, and you will know who is the real cause. Your devoted slave, Robert Underwood.

"This is great for Howard," Annie observes, then wants to know what they are going to do.

Mrs. Jeffries—Howard must be cleared, of course; and I must face it, alone.

Annie—Yes, you'll be alone, all right. Mr. Jeffries will do about as much for you as he did for his son—just watch him.

She can never go to prison, Mrs. Jeffries cries. She will go to Europe, and she pleads for the letter. She can mail it back, but Annie has promised Mr. Brewster to clear the matter and she keeps the letter in her grasp. And now in the midst of this Captain Clinton reappears with a sneer on his face. "Is that your mysterious witness?" he asks of Annie, but when he is introduced to Mrs. Howard Jeffries, Sr., he profusely apologizes. You've played a trick on us all," he says, and launches into deductions. "You knew Underwood before you knew young Jeffries. It was Underwood who aroused your husband's jealousy. You went to his rooms that night. Your husband followed you there and the shooting took place. 'False confession,' eh? Hypnotism, eh? Well, I guess it's international law for yours after this, Mr. Brewster." This last is addressed to Brewster as he enters the room.

Mrs. Jeffries, who has been silent during this scene, at last speaks.

"Annie, the truth must come out sooner or later. Give Captain Clinton the letter." As Annie is about to do her bidding Brewster steps in.

"Excuse me, she is my client," he interrupts. "I will take care of this," and taking the letter he reads, partly aloud, partly to himself.

Clinton gleams enough to know it is addressed to Mrs. Jeffries and is from Underwood, and turning to Annie he invites her to go with him to headquarters. Brewster protests, but turning to Annie the Captain tells her he will wait for her downstairs and goes out. Now it is that Brewster makes the discovery that the letter is addressed to Mrs. Jeffries, Sr., and as he sees Annie about to follow Clinton he asks if it is her intention to go on the witness stand and commit perjury, and wishes to know of Mrs. Jeffries if she intends to allow it. "No, no!" the latter answers. Then he turns again to Annie, asking if she expects him to become a participant in the proceedings, if he is expected to build up a false structure for her to swear to.

Annie—I hadn't thought of it. It can be done, why not? It's a good idea—I'm glad you suggested it. Everybody says I'm the woman who called on Robert Underwood that night—Well, that's all right—let them think so. What difference does it make as long as Howard goes free?

"I wouldn't keep Captain Clinton waiting for the world!" Annie cries, as she rushes from the room, leaving Brewster and Mrs. Jeffries in a dazed condition.

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